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The copy of the International Search Report submitted herewith has three pages, page 2 of which is missing from the copy of the International Search Report filed with Applicants' Transmittal Letter on September 14, 2004. The references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form include those references cited on page 2 of the enclosed copy of the International Search Report. The references on pages 1 and 3 have already been cited, in Applicants' IDS of September 14, 2004.

The JP '313 reference cited on the attached PTO-1449 form corresponds to JP 61-34829 which is cited on pages 3-4 of the present specification, and also corresponds to US '156 cited on the attached PTO-1449 form.

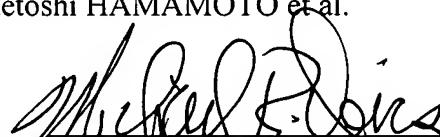
EP '180 cited on the attached PTO-1449 form corresponds to US '855 which is also cited on this form. Similarly, WO '751 corresponds to US '034; EP '918 corresponds to US '938 and US '035; WO '172 corresponds to US

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